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SUBJECT: National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP)
2006 Projects

Notebook Item #13

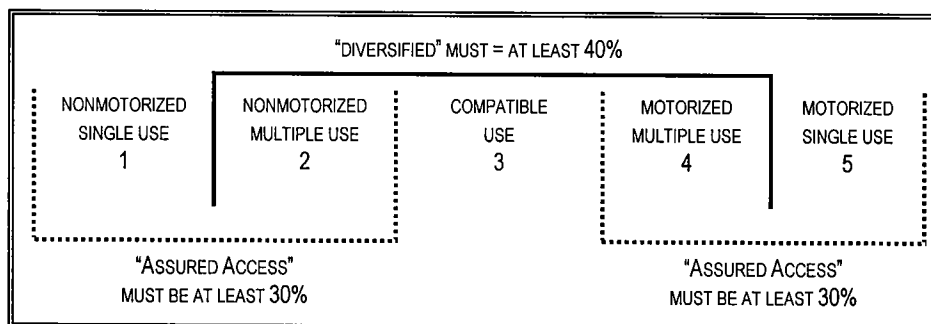
Summary. Applications for 58 projects (44 general category, 14 education category) have been received requesting just over \$2.2 million. Approximately \$1.5 million in NRTP funds is available. 38 projects are recommended for funding.

To assist in your review, 7 attachments are provided:

- #1 – 2006 NRTP Grants Cycle
- #2 – Draft adoption resolution
- #3a-b – Project location maps
- Table 1 – Ranked project listing
- #4 – Evaluation criteria summary
- #5a-b – Summary of evaluation scores
- Individual project summaries.

Background. In some ways, NRTP is more intricate than many of IAC's grant programs. Staff will make a brief graphic presentation at the board meeting to explain its complexities, including:

- How this federal gas tax program was approved by Congress only after an alliance of motorized and nonmotorized groups agreed on a structure. (A quirk of this structure is that both "motor" and "nonmotor" projects are each guaranteed a minimum of 30 percent of available dollars, *even if it means funding the lowest ranked projects to achieve this minimum.*)
- Its five overlapping categories:



NRTP is also fairly simple. For example:

- It is a relatively small grant program (\$1 million - \$1.5 million in most years).
- By IAC policy, its focus is on trail maintenance.
- Because few motorized grant applications are received, nonmotorized applicants have always received most of this program's funds.
- IAC has a NRTP Advisory Committee, reflecting a diverse set of trail users and land managers. Although they are diverse, they have had a record of achieving unanimous or near-unanimous agreement on funding recommendations. On August 16, the committee met to review its compiled listing of evaluated projects. After discussion, the group agreed with the overall process and rankings and asked that the recommendations reflected in Table 1 be provided to IAC's board.

In conclusion, funding recommendations for federal fiscal year-2006 (state FY 2007) are shown in "Table 1 - NRTP Projects Funding Recommendations, State FY 2007." Resolution #2006-36 (Attachment 2) is presented for consideration and action.

2006 NRTP Grants Cycle - Background

Preparations. Planning for this grants cycle began in 2005, during the program's Advisory Committee meeting. Later, IAC's grant program brochure and related materials were sent to interested parties. Staff also conducted a series of workshops to help the public understand funding, the application process, and evaluations. In July, evaluation materials were sent to IAC's NRTP advisory committee; 13 members scored the projects.

Advisory Committee Recommendations. On August 16, the committee met to review its compiled listing of evaluated projects. After discussion, the group agreed with the overall process and rankings and asked that the recommendations reflected in Table 1, be provided to IAC's board. These recommendations differ from the "raw" compiled listing of evaluated projects submitted by the advisory committee in the following way:

- A. Seven "motorized" projects were moved above the funding line to help the final listing reflect the federal policy to allocate at least 30 percent to motorized projects. See Table 1, non-italicized projects with a left bracket (I).
- B. To accommodate the above rule, an equivalent dollar amount of nonmotorized projects were moved below the funding line.
- C. Eight education projects were moved above the funding line, including four "motorized", to *first*, fund the maximum number of education projects allowed (by law, 5 percent of available funds) and *second*, come as close to meeting the 30 percent motorized minimum as possible. See Table 1, *italicized* projects with a left bracket (I).

If any of the "above the line" projects fail, or if a different funding amount is certified, the advisory committee recommends that the funding line be adjusted up or down while

- holding the ranked project order and the 30 percent assured access motorized-nonmotorized rule, and
- maximizing funding for education category projects.

Federal Allocation Rules. Under the provisions of the NRTP governing act,^[1] there are four rules IAC needs to observe. (See page 2 of Table 1 for further explanation.)

First, a minimum of 40 percent of the funds *must* be provided to projects serving diversified trail uses. That is: Nonmotorized Multiple Use, Compatible Uses, and Motorized Multiple Use.

Second, a minimum of 30 percent of the project funds *must* be reserved for uses relating to motorized recreation. **Third**, a minimum of 30 percent *must* also be reserved for uses relating to non-motorized recreation. These minimums are known as assured access.

Fourth, a state *may* allocate up to 5 percent of its total apportionment for programs that promote trail safety and environmental protection.

Compliance with the allocation rules is shown in the following table and is based on the availability of \$1,504,542:

- Diversified Uses (NMMU, Compatible, and MMU) must be at least \$597,278.

^[1] Part B of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, amended in the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, and SAFETEA-LU of 2005.

- Assured Access (NMSU, NMMU and MMU, MSU) must each be at least \$447,958.
- Education projects may not exceed \$79,462.

Comparing Federal Rules With Recommendations

(see also "Notes" on page 2 of Table 1)

	30% Minimum Assured Access (NMSU-NMMU)	40% Minimum Diversified (NMMU-Compat-MMU)	30% Minimum Assured Access (MMU-MSU)	5% Maximum (Education)
Federal criteria met?	Yes	Yes	No ^[2]	Yes

Recommendations. After using the criteria in the *NRTP Program Policies and Project Selection* manual to individually score projects, the Advisory Committee met on August 16, 2006 in an open meeting to consider its final recommendations to IAC. In summary, members achieved consensus on the recommendations described above and in Table 1. As in previous years, there was strong support for trusting the evaluation instrument to fairly rank each project *and* in adhering to the federal 30% - 40% - 30% goals.

^[2] Because there are insufficient applications to reach the \$447,958 minimum of 30% assured motorized access funds, IAC can meet the federal criteria by carrying over \$49,399 to the next NRTP grants cycle.

RESOLUTION #2006-36

Attachment 2

2006 NRTP Project Funding

WHEREAS, through the early months of 2006, until the May application deadline, the staff of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) provided publications, website updates, public workshops, and other outreach opportunities to communicate to interested parties the benefits and application procedures for the National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP); and

WHEREAS, in answer to these efforts, 58 eligible project applications were received, including evaluation question responses which were scored by IAC's advisory/evaluation committee using IAC-approved criteria; and

WHEREAS, the result of this evaluation is a set of recommendations that meets both federal and state program criteria; and

WHEREAS, \$1,504,542 in federal Recreational Trails Program funds are now available for distribution to these projects;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IAC approves funding for the projects as ranked in Table 1, "NRTP Projects Funding Recommendations State FY 2007", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is instructed to seek authorization to proceed with execution of applicable agreements, and other appropriate steps, from the Federal Highways Administration for implementation of these projects.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted / Defeated / Deferred (underline)



Table 1 - NRTP Projects Funding Recommendations State FY 2007
IAC Funding Amount

FFY '07: 10/1/06 - 9/30/07

Shows advisory committee and staff recommendations; adheres to federal 30-30-40 rule; see Notes, pg. 2

Rank	Score	Proj#	Sponsor	Project Name	NMSU Amount	Compatib Amount	MMU Amount	MSU Amount	Total Amount	Cumulative Amount
1	61.917	06-2050M	Mountains to Sound Greenway	Mountains to Sound Trail Maint. - 2007					59,500	59,500
2	61.167	06-1710M	WA Trails Association	WTA 2007 Volunteer Trail Maintenance	59,500				65,000	124,500
3	60.750	06-1705D	State Parks	JWPT - Bridge Repair - King County	75,000				75,000	199,500
4	60.250	06-1857D	USFS WNF Naches RD	Little Rattlesnake 4X4 Trail Reconstruct			29,450		29,450	228,950
5	60.167	06-1711M	WA Trails Association	WTA 2007 Backcountry Trail Maint Teams	50,000				50,000	278,950
6	59.917	06-1966M	USFS WNF Chelan RD	Chelan Uplake Trails 07	52,600				52,600	331,550
7	59.250	06-1706D	State Parks	JWPT - Bridge Repair - Kittitas County	75,000				75,000	406,550
7	59.250	06-1828M	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches Wilderness Trails M & O	25,000				25,000	431,550
9	59.167	06-1806M	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	Mt. Baker Trail Maintenance 2007-08	50,000				50,000	481,550
10	58.917	06-1628M	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club	Salmon Ridge Ski Trail Maint. 2006 -2008	15,900				15,900	497,450
11	58.583	06-2016D	NPS Olympic National Park	High Ridge-Sunrise Nature Trails Rehab	72,000				72,000	569,450
12	58.333	06-1702M	State Parks	Lake Wenatchee Snow Groomer Machin	75,000				75,000	644,450
12	58.333	06-1707M	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches Nordic/Mtn Bike Trail Maint.	16,558				16,558	661,008
14	58.000	06-1714M	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	White River RD Trail Maintenance - 2007		60,700			60,700	721,708
15	57.417	06-1635D	Methow Valley Sport Trail Assn	Methow Community Trail Suspension Bridge	63,000				63,000	784,708
16	56.750	06-1773M	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Alpine Lakes Trail Maint. Crew - 2007	64,000				64,000	848,708
17	56.000	06-2047M	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Backcountry Recreation Site Maintenance	41,900				41,900	890,608
17	56.000	06-2063M	Mount Tahoma Trails Assn	Snow Vehicles	75,000				75,000	965,608
19	55.833	06-1894M	USFS MBNF Darrington RD	Darrington Trail Maintenance 2006	50,000				50,000	1,015,608
20	55.500	06-1629M	USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD	Wilderness Trail Maintenance 2007	40,500				40,500	1,056,108
21	54.167	06-1713M	Pacific Northwest Trail Assn	North Cascades Youth Crew - 2007	20,407				20,407	1,076,515
22	54.083	06-1775D	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Middle Fork Snoqualmie Trail Surfacing	25,824				25,824	1,102,339
*23	53.333	06-1637M	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Wilderness M&O 2007-2008	13,532				13,532	1,115,871
[25]	52.667	06-1596M	Hi Country Snowmobile Club	Trail Clearing-Stampede & Salmon la Sac				16,000	16,000	1,131,871
[26]	52.583	06-1845M	State Parks	Yakima County Trail Grooming				75,000	75,000	1,206,871
[30]	51.167	06-1594M	Mountain Trails Grooming Assn	Groomer Hauling Truck			36,774		36,774	1,243,645
[31]	50.667	06-1955D	State Parks	Easton Reload Sno-Park Phase I				36,415	36,415	1,280,060
[33]	49.167	06-1898D	Kittitas Co Parks & Rec Dist#1	Evergreen Park Trailhead-Phase I			70,420		70,420	1,350,480
[43]	36.250	06-1988D	Spokane Winter Knights	Kings Lake Sno-Park Groomer Shelter				25,950	25,950	1,376,430
[44]	36.000	06-2036D	USFS Colville National Forest	Muddy Creek OHV Trailhead			48,650		48,650	1,425,080
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1	18.846	06-1719E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol				10,000	10,000	1,435,080
2	18.692	06-1772E	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Program 2007	10,000				10,000	1,445,080
*3	18.308	06-1946E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	Mountain Stewards Volunteer Project	9,562				9,562	1,454,642
5	17.923	06-1954E	USFS WNF Chelan RD	Chelan Snowmobile Ranger 06-07				10,000	10,000	1,464,642
[10]	17.077	06-1695E	USFS WNF Entiat RD	Lake Wen. Entiat Snow Rangers 06-07				10,000	10,000	1,474,642
[11]	16.615	06-1921E	USFS GPNF Mt Adams RD	Gifford Pinchot Snow Rangers 06-07			10,000		10,000	1,484,642
[13]	15.692	06-1671E	WA State Snowmobile Assn	2007 WSSA Safety Program				10,000	10,000	1,494,642
[14]	15.077	06-1989E	USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD	Snowmobile Wilderness Education				9,900	9,900	1,504,542

\$1,504,542 FUNDING LINE (includes carryover & returned funds)

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Rank	Score	Proj#	Sponsor	Project Name	NMSU	MMMU	Compatib	MMU	MSU	Total	Cumulative
*23	53.333	06-1637M	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Wilderness M&O 2007-2008		32,468				32,468	1,537,010
24	53.083	06-1607M	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Lk Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness Trail Main		50,000				50,000	1,587,010
27	52.333	06-1590M	Cascadians	Pleasant Valley Trail 999 Bridges		8,750				8,750	1,595,760
28	52.250	06-1585M	Backcountry Horsemen of WA	2007 BCHW Volunteer Pack Crew Support		50,000				50,000	1,645,760
29	51.833	06-1588M	Loup Loup Ski Education	Loup Loup Trail Maintenance		20,000				20,000	1,665,760
32	49.833	06-1688M	EarthCorps	2007-08 Backcountry Trail Maintenance		39,494				39,494	1,705,254
34	49.083	06-1608M	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Spanish Camp Trails		65,290				65,290	1,770,544
35	48.500	06-1699M	USFS WNF Entiat RD	Entiat's Wild. & Non Motorized Trail M&O		54,052				54,052	1,824,596
36	47.500	06-1662D	USFS CNF Newport RD	Salmo Basin Trail Reconstruction		50,000				50,000	1,874,596
37	46.250	06-1661D	USFS CNF Newport RD	Bead Lake Trail Rehabilitation		47,000				47,000	1,921,596
38	44.667	06-1981M	Natural Resources Dept of	NW Region Trail Maintenance Equipment			74,800			74,800	1,996,396
39	44.583	06-1863D	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	Salmon Ridge Cross-Country Ski Bridge	46,000					46,000	2,042,396
40	44.167	06-1572M	Backcountry Horsemen of WA	2007 BCHW Volunteer Trail Maintenance		50,000				50,000	2,092,396
41	42.583	06-1591M	USFS OKNF Tonasket RD	West District Trail Maintenance		70,444				70,444	2,162,840
42	41.917	06-1956M	Mountaineers	F.S. RD 420 Groomer			23,000			23,000	2,185,840
											0
*3	18.308	06-1946E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	Mountain Stewards Volunteer Project		438				438	2,186,278
4	18.077	06-1593E	Backcountry Horsemen of WA	2007 Leave No Trace		10,000				10,000	2,196,278
6	17.769	06-1758E	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Methow Wilderness Stewards		10,000				10,000	2,206,278
7	17.692	06-1663E	USFS CNF Newport RD	Salmo/Batey-Bould Education Ranger			10,000			10,000	2,216,278
8	17.462	06-1579E	WA Water Trails Association	SEA Kayaker - Water Trail Leave No Trace		10,000				10,000	2,226,278
9	17.385	06-1703E	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches Snow Rangers 2006-07			10,000			10,000	2,236,278
12	16.231	06-1862E	USFS WNF Naches RD	PCNST Wilderness Education Program		10,000				10,000	2,246,278

All proposals (58) total = 193,000 1,476,219 178,500 195,294 203,265 2,246,278
Above funding line total = 147,000 898,283 60,700 195,294 203,265 1,504,542

Notes:

1,447,384	Funds available (8/7/06)
45,810	"Returned" funds from previous grant cycles
1,493,194	Total amount available - apply 30-40 rule to this amount
60,747	Motorized "assured access" funds held in '05 due to too few applications
-49,399	Motorized "assured access" funds held for '07 due to too few '06 applications
1,504,542	Total 2006 funding available
0	Remainder to give above recommended funding line

Projects in italics (above) are "education" (06)

77,816	is the 5% maximum allowed for "education" (06)
1,646	Add to education from carry over
79,462	Available education dollars
79,462	Total of "above line" education projects

* = Project is partly below funding line due to depletion of category's dollars
 [= project moved above line to help meet 30% minimum funding requirement

Acronyms:

NMSU: Nonmotorized single use
 NMMU: Nonmotorized multiple use
 Compatible: Combines motor and nonmotor uses
 MMU: Motorized multiple uses
 MSU: Motorized single use

"Diversified" dollars

Motor "Assured Access"
 dollars: \$49,399 to be carried over to next grants cycle. May change per actual funds available.

Nonmotor "Assured Access"
 dollars

Evaluation Criteria Summary

First adopted by IAC in February 1999 and updated in 2000, 2001, and 2002.

NRTP Evaluation Criteria Summary General (Development and Maintenance) Projects				
Scoring	Number	Item	Mult/Mx	D/M
Team	1	Need	3/15	D/M
Team	2	Need satisfaction	3/15	D/M
Team	3	Project design	2/10	D
Team	4	Maintenance	2/10	M
Team	5	Readiness to proceed	1/5	D/M
Team	6	Cost-benefit	1/5	D/M
Team	7	Non-government contribution	1/5	D/M
Team	8	Project support	2/10	D/M
IAC Staff	9	Matching shares	2/10	D/M
IAC Staff	10	GMA preference	-/(-1)	D/M
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE – Development = 75 Maintenance = 75				

NRTP Evaluation Criteria Summary Education (Safety-Environmental Awareness) Projects			
Scoring	#	<i>Describe the...</i>	Mult./Max.
Team	1	Need for this project.	1/5
Team	2	Extent to which the project satisfies this need.	1/5
Team	3	Applicant's ability to accomplish the project.	1/5
Team	4	Project's cost-benefit.	1/5
Team	5	Support for the project.	1/5
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE			25

KEY TO TABLES:

Team = Criterion scored by the evaluation team Item = Criteria title
 Prescore = Criterion prescored by IAC staff Mult/Mx = *M*ultiplier and *m*aximum pts
 D/M = Criterion applicable to either development or maintenance projects



Preliminary Evaluation Summary

NRTP - GENERAL

Rank	Name/Sponsor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
1	Mountains to So/Mountain	12.750	11.750		8.000	4.333	3.250	3.667	8.167	10.000	0.000								61.917
2	WTA 2007 Volun/WVA Trail	12.000	10.500		7.833	4.583	4.417	4.667	7.167	10.000	0.000								61.167
3	JWPT - Bridge R/State Pa	12.250	12.000	9.167		4.167	3.417	2.417	7.333	10.000	0.000								60.750
4	Little Rattlesn/USFS WNF	10.750	11.750	8.000		4.500	3.667	3.750	7.833	10.000	0.000								60.250
5	WTA 2007 Backco/WA Trail	11.500	10.000	0.000	8.167	4.417	4.417	4.833	6.833	10.000	0.000								60.167
6	Chelan Uplake T/USFS WNF	11.750	12.000		7.500	4.333	3.833	3.833	6.667	10.000	0.000								59.917
7	JWPT - Bridge R/State Pa	11.500	11.750	9.167		4.167	3.500	2.167	7.000	10.000	0.000								59.250
7	Naches Wilderne/USFS WNF	12.000	11.000		7.500	4.333	4.000	3.583	6.833	10.000	0.000								59.250
9	Mt. Baker Trail/USFS MBN	11.250	12.500		7.833	4.083	3.917	3.917	5.667	10.000	0.000								59.167
10	Salmon Ridge Sk/Nooksack	11.250	11.750		6.833	4.333	3.917	3.167	7.667	10.000	0.000								58.917
11	High Ridge-Sunr/NPS Olym	10.750	12.750	8.500		4.583	3.250	3.417	7.333	8.000	0.000								58.583
12	Lake Wenatchee /State Pa	9.750	11.750		7.500	4.583	3.333	3.083	8.333	10.000	0.000								58.333
12	Naches Nordic/M/USFS WNF	11.500	12.000		7.333	4.500	3.250	2.917	6.833	10.000	0.000								58.333
14	White River RD /USFS MBN	11.750	10.500		6.667	4.083	3.750	3.750	7.500	10.000	0.000								58.000
15	Methow Communiti/Methow V	9.750	12.500	8.500		3.500	3.333	2.833	7.000	10.000	0.000								57.417
16	Alpine Lakes Tr/USFS MBN	11.250	10.500		6.833	4.333	3.333	3.667	6.833	10.000	0.000								56.750
17	Snow Vehicles/Mount Ta	10.250	10.000		6.667	4.250	3.333	3.500	8.000	10.000	0.000								56.000
17	Backcountry Rec/USFS MBN	12.000	10.750		6.500	4.250	3.167	3.167	6.167	10.000	0.000								56.000
19	Darrington Trail/USFS MBN	11.750	10.250		7.167	3.667	3.333	3.333	6.333	10.000	0.000								55.833
20	Wilderness Trail/USFS WNF	11.250	11.500		6.833	4.250	3.667	2.500	5.500	10.000	0.000								55.500
21	North Cascades /Pacific	10.250	9.500		6.500	4.083	3.333	3.500	7.000	10.000	0.000								54.167
22	Middle Fork Sno/USFS MBN	11.500	12.000	8.000		4.167	3.417	3.333	5.667	6.000	0.000								54.083
23	Wilderness M&O /USFS WNF	9.750	10.500		6.333	3.833	3.417	3.500	6.000	10.000	0.000								53.333
24	Lk Chelan Sawto/USFS OKN	9.250	10.750		7.000	4.250	3.583	3.250	5.000	10.000	0.000								53.083
25	Trail Clearing-/Hi Count	9.000	10.250		6.667	3.833	4.000	2.583	6.333	10.000	0.000								52.667
26	Yakima County T/State Pa	9.500	10.000		6.000	4.167	3.000	3.417	6.500	10.000	0.000								52.583
27	Pleasant Valley/Cascadia	10.000	10.500		6.333	4.000	3.750	2.917	4.833	10.000	0.000								52.333
28	2007 BCHW Volun/Backcoun	10.250	9.750		6.000	4.417	3.667	3.000	5.167	10.000	0.000								52.250
29	Loup Loup Trail/Loup Lou	9.000	11.000		6.833	3.750	3.000	2.583	5.667	10.000	0.000								51.833
30	Groomer Hauling/Mountain	8.750	10.500		6.167	3.500	3.167	2.583	6.500	10.000	0.000								51.167
31	Easton Reload S/State Pa	11.250	11.000	8.167		4.000	3.333	2.917	8.000	2.000	0.000								50.667
32	2007-08 Backcou/EarthCor	10.750	10.750		6.333	3.917	2.917	3.333	5.833	6.000	0.000								49.833
33	Evergreen Park /Kittitas	10.000	10.750	6.000		3.833	3.500	3.083	8.000	4.000	0.000								49.167
34	Spanish Camp Tr/USFS OKN	8.750	11.750		6.000	3.583	2.750	2.417	3.833	10.000	0.000								49.083
35	Entiat's Wild. /USFS WNF	10.250	9.750		7.167	4.000	3.083	2.917	5.333	6.000	0.000								48.500
36	Salmo Basin Tra/USFS CNF	10.750	12.500	7.833		3.583	3.000	2.583	5.333	2.000	0.000								47.583
37	Bead Lake Trail/USFS CNF	11.500	12.500	7.167		3.750	3.083	2.750	5.500	0.000	0.000								46.250
38	NW Region Trail/Natural	11.500	10.000		7.833	4.000	3.333	2.667	5.333	0.000	0.000								44.667
39	Salmon Ridge Cr/USFS MBN	9.500	11.250	7.833		3.750	3.417	2.833	6.000	0.000	0.000								44.583
40	2007 BCHW Volun/Backcoun	7.250	7.750		4.833	4.000	2.583	3.250	4.500	10.000	0.000								44.167



Preliminary Evaluation Summary

NRTP - GENERAL

Rank	Name/Sponsor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
41	West District T/USFS OKN	10.250	10.250		7.333	4.000	2.750	2.667	5.333	0.000	0.000								42.583
42	F.S. RD 420 Gro/Mountain	6.500	9.000		4.833	3.750	2.250	2.250	5.333	8.000	0.000								41.917
43	Kings Lake Sno-/Spokane	8.500	8.250	7.167	0.000	2.667	2.917	2.417	4.333	0.000	0.000								36.250
44	Muddy Creek OHV/USFS Col	8.500	9.500	6.000		3.083	2.417	2.000	4.500	0.000	0.000								36.000

Evaluation Score Questions: 1-8

Prescore Questions: 9-10

Preliminary Evaluation Summary

NRTP-EDUCATION

Rank	Name/Sponsor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
1	Cle Elum Winter/USFS WNF	3.462	4.077	4.000	3.615	3.692													18.846
2	Snoqualmie Volu/USFS MBN	3.846	3.769	4.308	3.923	2.846													18.692
3	Mountain Stewar/USFS MBN	3.538	4.000	3.769	3.462	3.538													18.308
4	2007 Leave No T/Backcoun	3.692	3.769	4.385	3.077	3.154													18.077
5	Chelan Snowmobi/USFS WNF	3.077	3.615	4.077	3.385	3.769													17.923
6	Methow Wilderne/USFS OKN	3.538	3.846	3.769	3.231	3.385													17.769
7	Salmo/Batey-Bou/USFS CNF	3.462	3.385	3.769	3.231	3.846													17.692
8	SEA Kayaker - W/WA Water	3.385	3.538	3.846	3.231	3.462													17.462
9	Naches Snow Ran/USFS WNF	3.538	3.769	3.923	3.077	3.077													17.385
10	Lake Wen. Entia/USFS WNF	3.154	3.692	4.231	3.154	2.846													17.077
11	Gifford Pinchof/USFS GPN	3.231	3.231	3.769	3.154	3.231													16.615
12	PCNST Wildernes/USFS WNF	3.000	3.462	3.615	3.308	2.846													16.231
13	2007 WSSA Safe/WA State	3.231	3.154	3.538	3.154	2.615													15.692
14	Snomobiler Wild/USFS WNF	3.308	3.154	3.462	2.308	2.846													15.077

Evaluation Score Questions: 1-5

Prescore Questions: -

“General” Projects
2006 NRTP

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Project Sponsor	IAC Share	Sponsor Share	Total Cost
USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$10,000	\$33,373	\$43,373

Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol

The Cle Elum Ranger District, located in Kittitas County, has over a third of the snowmobile use in the State of Washington based on the most recent snowmobile studies. Cle Elum Education/Safety Rangers patrol approximately 21 sno-parks and trailheads, 500 miles of groomed trails, and thousands of acres of snowmobile off-trail riding areas. With thousands of users on system trails and facilities per season, safety and education is a high priority.

This project would help to provide full staffing of six education/safety Snow Rangers to patrol the district on weekends and a three to five member crew on weekdays. This schedule maximizes our ability to contact users, dispense information about snowmobile opportunities, maintain sno- park and trail signing, and aid in search and rescue efforts as needed. Snow rangers will educate trail users on safe and courteous operation, safe travel speed, winter survival, avalanche awareness, respect for wilderness and other non-motorized areas, and trail etiquette. Snow rangers help minimize user group conflicts and preserve snowmobile riding opportunities on National Forest lands. Uniformed Forest Service presence in Washington State's busiest winter recreation area is a benefit to all winter enthusiasts. (06-1719E)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$10,000	\$30,157	\$40,157
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Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Program 2007

This project will fund salary, per diem, and supplies for the Volunteer Ranger program for one year. Proximity to Seattle and outstanding backcountry recreation opportunities contribute to the area's popularity and challenge land stewards attempting to protect resource and recreation values. Permits and trail registers indicate over 100,000 visitors use trails on the Snoqualmie Ranger District each year. For the past 9 years, 40 to 60 volunteers have donated between 3000 and 5000 hours each season. Uniformed volunteer rangers contact thousands of visitors each season, making a major contribution to resource protection and environmental education efforts in the backcountry.

Funds will be used to hire a seasonal program coordinator and provide subsistence for student interns. The program coordinator recruits, trains, supervises, and provides logistical support for volunteer rangers patrolling the Alpine Lakes Wilderness (ALW) and backcountry. Interns assist the volunteer coordinator, design educational programs and materials, and join on patrol. Volunteer rangers contact visitors to disseminate trail safety and resource protection information, maintain bulletin boards, trails and campsites, and assist in emergencies. Volunteers also help with interpretive, environmental education, and community outreach programs including walks, talks, work parties, slide shows, and visitor center displays. (06-1772E)

USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	\$10,000	\$12,700	\$22,700
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Mountain Stewards Volunteer Project

Mountain Stewards Volunteer Project (MSVP) is an adult based volunteer program dedicated to the education of visitors on 3 of the busiest trail systems on the Mt. Baker Ranger District. These trails, located in the Mt. Baker Wilderness and National Recreation Area and around the Heather Meadows area, are extremely popular and receive heavy use from a diverse public. Mountain Steward volunteers are on these trails to educate visitors about wilderness ethics, Leave No Trace, forest regulations and safety, and to provide general information about the area, such as camp locations. Specialized training allows volunteers to interact with forest visitors and help them understand how to reduce their recreational impact on the resources and on other visitors.

Volunteers commit to 5 days for the program; 2 days of training and 3 days on the trails. Volunteers engaged in over 5,000 visitor contacts the past 4 seasons. The MSVP operates from mid-July thru mid-September, Friday-Sunday. Forest Service (FS) staff coordinates training sessions, volunteer schedules, daily check-ins, and program support materials. North Cascades Institute in partnership with the FS, recruits and trains the volunteers. Benefits from the MSVP will be increased visitor awareness of resource protection and preservation, and safety issues. (06-1946E)

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Project Sponsor	IAC Share	Sponsor Share	Total Cost
Backcountry Horsemen of WA	\$10,000	\$2,800	\$12,800

2007 Leave No Trace

Backcountry Horsemen of Washington has been teaching and promoting Leave No Trace for 30 years. Leave No Trace is a nationally recognized educational program teaching minimum impact camping techniques for all outdoor activities. All Federal and State Agencies subscribe to the LNT philosophy. In the past, the USFS has partnered with BCHW by splitting the cost of tuition to the Master Stock Training course at Ninemile Ranger Station in Montana. Backcountry Horsemen of Washington has an educational program in place for stock users (and anyone else) who would like to learn how to camp with or without stock and use trails with the least amount of impact on the environment.

This grant will support the efforts of the people in the individual communities who are teaching stock users how to travel the backcountry and the front country trails with the least amount of impact. The grant will buy computer equipment for use by the program to keep track of all BCHW educational programs, travel expenses for the trainers, printing of signs, banners, and pay for booths at sport shows and other events as needed.

This Leave No Trace program is the only organized educational program of its kind in the recreational community. From the environmental stand point, this program is vital to the preservation of trails running through fragile ecosystems and keeping the impact to a minimum. BCHW is a non-profit organization who last year compiled over 62,000 hours of volunteer work throughout Washington State. (06-1593E)

USFS WNF Chelan RD	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
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Chelan Snowmobile Ranger 06-07

This project is to provide a snowmobile user education program on a 170 mile groomed snowmobile trail system on the Chelan Ranger District. The program goals are to:

- increase the safety and enjoyment for snowmobilers
- reduce winter search and rescue activities
- reduce human impacts on deer in critical winter habitat and Canadian Lynx

The educational messages will be shared by having the ranger:

- discuss educational topics with snowmobilers contacted at trailheads & on trails
- put up trail and interpretive signs
- post bulletin boards with educational posters
- hand out educational brochures during contacts

The educational topics include:

- safe winter travel precautions
- safe snowmobile operations
- survival techniques
- effects of human activity on wildlife in the winter
- ways to reduce impacts on wildlife

The snowmobile ranger will be out during periods of high use, weekends & holidays, and will cover trailheads and popular trails. (06-1954E)

USFS OKNF Methow RD	\$10,000	\$12,468	\$22,468
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Methow Wilderness Stewards

This project would help provide a wilderness education program consisting of a Forest Service wilderness ranger working with both Backcountry Horsemen volunteers and hiking volunteers to continue educating visitors in the Pasayten and Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wildernesses and at trailheads. Ranger and volunteers will provide information and assistance to visitors in minimum impact camping and stock handling, wilderness resource concerns, trail conditions, campsite locations and safety. Forest Service wilderness ranger and Backcountry Horsemen will utilize stock for packing, travel, and to model appropriate stock handling and camping techniques. The wilderness ranger will recruit, train and supervise the volunteers. (06-1758E)

USFS CNF Newport RD	\$10,000	\$5,700	\$15,700
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Salmo/Batey-Bould Education Ranger

The goal of this project is to fund a primary position that will act as an education liaison between the Forest Service and all of the recreationists that utilize National Forest lands on the Sullivan Lake and Newport Ranger Districts, located in Pend Oreille County. The stated goal is to increase interaction

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between agency personnel (motorized and non-motorized) and the various trail enthusiasts on trail conservation measures, ethics, regulation education for appropriate trail use, and Tread Lightly education efforts. This employee will make contacts on motorized and non-motorized trail systems in the summer to inform enthusiasts of rules and regulations on the use of the trails and the surrounding area.

The Salmo Priest Wilderness is a sensitive area that has additional educational needs because it is a designated wilderness. The Batey-Bould trail system is an elite single track motorcycle riding experience, and crosses many streams and roads. This Education Ranger will regularly check these trails to make visitor contacts. There is currently no regular patrol on any of these trail systems, which has led to increased user conflicts, inappropriate behavior and disregard for regulations. In addition, the employee will make contacts at the developed and dispersed sites near these trails to make sure that campers understand the rules and regulations. Through the funding of this position, forest users will have a safer and environmentally sound experience during their visits. (06-1663E)

WA Water Trails Association	\$10,000	\$14,500	\$24,500
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SEA Kayaker - Water Trail Leave No Trace

WWTA's Sound Education and Action (SEA) Kayaker Program brings low impact recreation education to Puget Sound shore users. Leave No Trace educators will kayak the Cascadia Marine Trail, a National Recreation Trail, teaching camping skills, promoting safety, and demonstrating ways to protect Washington's inland sea environment during the peak paddling season at launches, beaches, and campsites providing a backcountry experience.

WWTA has made a large investment in assuring the future of public access to the state's waterways through stewardship and education. In 2006 staff members participated in a five-day intensive course with 100% earning the highest level of LNT Center for Outdoor Ethics training - the Master Educator. In 2007/08, the SEA Kayaker Program will share this knowledge in on-site demonstrations and on-the-ground awareness workshops. Target audience is people who recreate on Puget Sound: kayakers, youth groups, and guides.

Research has shown when people implement Leave No Trace practices, they can reduce the burden on government land agencies by reducing the need for restoration. With the National Marine Fisheries Service protecting the Orca whale on 2,500 square miles of inland waters and the Governor's Puget Sound initiative, now is the time to act. "Twenty years of efforts in Puget Sound conservation have taught...us that government can't alone do what is necessary," Gregoire says. "We must engage literally everyone around Puget Sound or who enjoys Puget Sound." (06-1579E)

USFS WNF Naches RD	\$10,000	\$13,650	\$23,650
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Naches Snow Rangers 2006-07

This is a request for funding a continuation of the Naches District winter education program. Two Snow Rangers will educate the public at Sno-Parks and on winter recreation trails 2-3 days/week including weekends, holidays, and during other heavy use periods. Education will center on safety topics and appropriate/responsible behavior. Topics will include avalanche awareness, winter survival, appropriate speeds, current weather conditions, trail conditions, trail etiquette, general outdoor knowledge, current State and Forest Regulations, excessive noise, wildlife encounters, and respecting Wilderness Boundaries. Wilderness Boundaries will be signed and monitored. Trail signing and trail conditions will also be monitored on approximately 150 miles of snowmobile trails with 16 sno-parks and on 30 miles of cross country ski trails with 6 sno-parks. (06-1703E)

USFS WNF Entiat RD	\$10,000	\$13,500	\$23,500
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Lake Wen. Entiat Snow Rangers 06-07

The Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Ranger Districts, located in Chelan County, groom over 200 miles of snowmobile trails weekly. This area provides snowmobilers a premier riding experience. During the 05-06 winter use season it was estimated that over 40,000 snowmobilers used this trail system and facilities. The Forest Service, Safety/Education Snowmobile patrol teams, made personal contacts with well over 9,500 snowmobilers.

This proposal which has been funded through the NRTP over the last seven winter seasons starting in 1999, again would provide two teams of Safety/Education Snowmobile patrols three days per week (Fri.

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Sat. Sun.) for the peak winter recreation months starting in mid December and running through late March. The goals of this project will be to educate trail travelers on safe and courteous operation, including safe travel speeds, avalanche awareness, winter survival, respect of other trail travelers, and to help minimize user conflicts between uses. Teams will help maintain over 250 safety signs and hand out tread lightly information and area maps. These employees will again assist Chelan County Sheriffs in winter search and rescue of lost or injured snowmobilers. Patrol Ranger will again assist the county in putting on snowmobile safety classes to area youth and adults. We strongly feel that these patrol/education efforts over the last seven years have greatly reduced the number of serious accidents, as an example the past season the system had no fatality accidents, and no serious injury accidents. A FIRST. (06-1695E)

USFS GPNF Mt Adams RD	\$10,000	\$18,494	\$28,494
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Gifford Pinchot Snow Ranger 06-07

The Gifford Pinchot Snow Ranger provides education and safety patrols throughout the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. The Forest includes nearly all of the snow country of the southern Washington Cascades. With nearly 165 miles of groomed snowmobile routes and over 100 miles of cross-county ski trail, the Gifford Pinchot offers winter recreation opportunities to tens of thousands of visitors each year.

The Snow Ranger, working with volunteers from local clubs, increases the number of contacts made on the trails. They educate people on safe and responsible trail use and respect for all user groups. The Snow Ranger and volunteers also work off trail, signing Wilderness boundaries. The Snow Ranger will work out of the Mt. Adams Ranger District and also patrol on the Cowlitz Valley Ranger district and the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. (06-1921E)

USFS WNF Naches RD	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$25,000
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PCNST Wilderness Education Program

This proposal will fund salary and benefits for the equivalent of 2 (two) full-time backcountry rangers to patrol high use portions of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail on areas administered by both the Naches and Cle Elum RDs. The rangers would also act as volunteer coordinators. This grant application includes portions of the PCNST on the Gifford Pinchot NF, Wenatchee NF, Snoqualmie NF and Mount Rainier NP. Total mileage to be patrolled for education is 146 miles with emphasis at the key access points of White Pass (US Highway 12), Chinook Pass (State Route 410) and Snoqualmie Pass (Interstate 90). All the highways are either National Scenic Byways or State Scenic Byways and are popular access points for hikers and stock alike on the PCNST. These rangers will provide one on one contact with visitors and the educational emphasis will focus on Leave No Trace, resource protection and Safety. The paid backcountry rangers will build a cadre of volunteers that can be the basis for an on-going volunteer patrol program. (06-1862E)

WA State Snowmobile Assn	\$10,000	\$28,000	\$38,000
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2007 WSSA Safety Program

Washington State Snowmobile Association has had a standing safety program for over 20 years and now sees a need to promote this program to all snowmobilers in the state. This need is due to the increase in the numbers of those enjoying this winter sport, the increase of accidents throughout the state and most importantly, the increase numbers of people requesting this safety information.

The Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Division has a certification program for youth ages 12-16. They must have this certification to operate their own sled on trails. The problem exists when adults see this only as a "kids" class when it really isn't. The result being that very few adults attend. WSSA's goal, being a strong advocate of safety education, is to have trained snowmobilers teaching all aspects of the sport and to have this happen out in the snow environment as well as at the state convention and at the "Expo". To do this, WSSA needs an enclosed trailer to carry, store and transport snowmobiles and the materials that make up the "safety education program". This NRTP grant, if funded, would help make this possible.

WSSA is a non-profit organization that has been in existence since 1972. There are 43 active chapters in the state with a membership of 5800 snowmobilers representing 2300 families. (06-1671E)

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Project Sponsor	IAC Share	Sponsor Share	Total Cost
USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD	\$9,900	\$3,320	\$13,220

Snomobiler Wilderness Education

The Wenatchee River Ranger District and Cle Elum Ranger District offer excellent opportunities for snowmobiling. A number of legitimate areas where snowmobilers use road systems and backcountry terrain are adjacent to congressionally designated wilderness, where motorized use is illegal. Unfortunately, with the development of more powerful machines, snowmobile use of wilderness has become commonplace. The problem usually intensifies in late winter and early spring as the snow in the high country becomes more stable, and the grooming on snowmobile trail systems comes to a conclusion at the lower elevations. In addition, illegal snowmobile use in the Stevens Pass Ski Area leads to conflicts and resource damage.

This project would serve to strengthen current educational efforts and improve winter wilderness boundary signing. Custom signboards would be developed for parking areas where incursions regularly occur (Mill Creek, Icicle Creek, and the Teanaway/Cle Elum River). Simple riding maps would be developed for these areas showing where snowmobile use is allowed versus prohibited. Public contact would occur in these areas during peak use times (weekends in late winter and spring) to make snowmobilers more aware of regulations. Our current brochure explaining snowmobile use and wilderness would be distributed to dealers. The district would help staff the information booth at the Washington State Snowmobile Association Convention. (06-1989E)

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Project Sponsor	IAC Share	Sponsor Share	Total Cost
Mountains to Sound Greenway Mountains to Sound Trail Maint. - 2007 <p>This proposal requests funds for materials, tools, staffing and conservation corps time to conduct maintenance on 40+ miles of trails in the Mountains to Sound Greenway. These are some of the heaviest used trails in the state. Several trails to be maintained have recently been constructed or rehabilitated and regular upkeep will ensure they remain in an non-impaired state and provide a safe and enjoyable recreational experience. These trails include the Mt Si Trail, Ira Spring Trail and the Rattlesnake Ledge Trail. Other trails to be maintained include trails on Squak Mountain, Tiger Mountain, and USFS trails in the South, Mid and North Forks of the Snoqualmie River as well as the remainder of the trails in the Mount Si NRCA. Conservation corpsmembers would have a large role in this program and be further leveraged by donated materials and thousands of hours of volunteer labor.</p> <p>The trail system in the Greenway consists of over 800 miles of trails and has a service area population of over 1.8 million people. To assist in management of this system, the Greenway Trust has built a trails program with land managers and key stakeholders in the I-90 corridor who meet quarterly as the Greenway Trails Committee. This group would assist in prioritizing and further leveraging maintenance activities and ensure there is no conflict between this and other existing and pending trails grants.</p> <p>06-2050M)</p>	\$59,500	\$50,418	\$109,918
WA Trails Association WTA 2007 Volunteer Trail Maintenance <p>In 2007, Washington Trails Association will field more than 250 work parties (totaling more than 20,000 volunteer hours) on trails throughout the Cascades and Olympics. Our priority will be to maintain popular day hike routes, accessible from the major urban areas of Puget Sound and Southwest Washington. In doing so, we serve hundreds of thousands of hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers and other trail users who enjoy recreating close to home.</p> <p>More than 100 trails maintained will see two to four days of routine annual maintenance each. Volunteers will clear drain dips, repair failing tread, brush, log out and perform other maintenance tasks as needed to prevent backlogs from accruing on some of Washington's most popular trails.</p> <p>WTA matches every NRTP dollar with cash contributions AND further leverages this with volunteer labor, thus increasing the spending power of an NRTP dollar by five times. With a volunteer hour costing \$6.50, WTA's program is a cost-effective and efficient use of scarce resources.</p> <p>More than 1,500 volunteers annually contribute to WTA's trail maintenance program, and we partner with many other organizations, including other user groups, local trail clubs and conservancies. WTA maintains trails on a variety of federal, state and local lands. We clear paths to the highest alpine country and also maintain low-elevation walks that can be enjoyed year-round right out our back door. (06-1710M)</p>	\$65,000	\$305,700	\$370,700
State Parks JWPT - Bridge Repair - King County <p>This project would repair structural timbers and install safety railings on 7 railroad trestles along the John Wayne Pioneer Trail in King County. The 110-mile John Wayne Pioneer Trail is the state's major east-west trail providing a backcountry experience along a former railroad corridor from North Bend to the Columbia River near Vantage. More than 150,000 hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, skiers, snowshoers and dogsledders enjoy this easily accessible, yet remote, trail every year. Most of the trestles along the trail were installed more than 60 years ago, are in need of significant structural repairs and lack safety railings. (06-1705D)</p>	\$75,000	\$100,244	\$175,244
USFS WNF Naches RD Little Rattlesnake 4X4 Trail Reconstruct <p>The Little Rattlesnake Four Wheel Trail was permanently closed in 2000 due to adverse effects on mid-Columbia steelhead. Approximately 1.5 miles of the trail was located in the channel and floodplain of Little Rattlesnake Creek. This project reconstructs 1.5 mile of existing single tread nonsystem trail located 40-</p>	\$29,450	\$35,514	\$64,964

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250 feet upslope from the creek to a four wheel drive trail standard, closes and rehabilitates the abandoned route, and improves the remainder of the double tread trail, which will allow the route to be reopened to OHV's.

Reconstruction includes trail widening, waterbar installation, installation of two bridges, and hardening bridge approaches. Improvement of the 1.5 mile of remaining trail will include minor excavation, water bar installation, installation of 3 bridges, hardening bridge approaches and wet areas. Rehabilitation of the abandoned route includes installing logs in actively eroding areas to control erosion. This project has been started, primarily with volunteer help, but is too remote and large to rely exclusively on volunteers only.
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WA Trails Association	\$50,000	\$171,710	\$221,710
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WTA 2007 Backcountry Trail Maint Teams

In 2007, WTA will lead at least two dozen volunteer Backcountry Trail Teams in locations throughout the Cascades and Olympics, from the northernmost reaches of the Pasayten to scenic Bird Creek Meadows on Mt. Adams. All told, WTA backcountry crews will maintain more than 100 miles of trail. Most backcountry trails that WTA works on are open to equestrian use.

WTA's Backcountry Trail Teams work on trails that lie beyond the reach of a single day trip. Each crew sets up base camp and focuses on a particular area for several days, sometimes even weeks. This allows backcountry crews to tackle a particularly involved maintenance project to log and clear out trails so that the backcountry can be opened as soon after snowmelt as possible. A single crew can clear more than 100 trees and take care of basic maintenance needs on more than twenty miles of trail.

With an N RTP grant, WTA is able to provide a backcountry crew for roughly \$10 per volunteer hour, a price that includes not only volunteer labor but also project layout, volunteer recruitment and management, as well as all logistics, supplies, volunteer food, and, of course, round-the-clock onsite volunteer supervision.

WTA matches every N RTP dollar with cash contributions in addition to donated labor. We stretch these funds even further by using volunteers to support the program, from managing our web site to sharpening tools to stuffing envelopes. Together, they help WTA keep administrative costs well below ten percent.
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USFS WNF Chelan RD	\$52,600	\$49,400	\$102,000
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Chelan Uplake Trails 07

This project provides trail maintenance on 192 miles of trail in the Chelan Ranger District portions of the Glacier Peak Wilderness, the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness, the Lucerne Landing-Holden Village Corridor and the Sawtooth Backcountry. Log clearing, drainage cleaning, loose rock removal, and spots of tread repair will be done on trails providing the following recreation opportunities:

- 120 miles of wilderness backpacking & stock packing trails
- 16 miles of wilderness day hiking trails
- 30 miles of walking trails near Holden & Lucerne outside of wilderness
- 1 mile of ADA-designed trail from Holden Village to 10 Mile Falls
- 10 miles of non-motorized backpacking, stock use & mountain biking trails
- 15 miles of motorbike (multiple use) trails

In addition to annual maintenance on these trails, backlogged trail work will be done. This includes brush clearing, re-treading segments of sloughed tread, installation and repair of drainage control structures (ditches, waterbars, culverts), and repair of turnpikes, bridges, switchbacks and barricades, and rock crib walls.

This project does not include any work on Methow Valley Ranger District trails in their portions of Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness or the Sawtooth Backcountry. (06-1966M)

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Project Sponsor	IAC Share	Sponsor Share	Total Cost
State Parks	\$75,000	\$115,220	\$190,220

JWPT - Bridge Repair - Kittitas County

This project would repair structural timbers and install safety railings on 7 railroad trestles along the John Wayne Pioneer Trail in Kittitas County.

The 110-mile John Wayne Pioneer Trail is the state's major east-west trail providing a backcountry experience along a former railroad corridor from North Bend to the Columbia River near Vantage. More than 150,000 hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, skiers, snowshoers and dogsledders enjoy this easily accessible, yet remote, trail every year. Most of the trestles along the trail were installed more than 60 years ago, are in need of significant structural repairs and lack safety railings. (06-1706D)

USFS WNF Naches RD	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
Naches Wilderness Trails M & O			

The Naches Ranger District administratively manages William O. Douglas, Norse Peak and Goat Rocks Wilderness areas. Stock users and foot travelers alike share approximately 380+ miles of heavily used trails in these scenic areas. The highest priority of the District Trails personnel is to offer the users a SAFE and well maintained travel system. Clearing the trails of windfall is an on-going challenge, especially in the case of wet volcanic soils combined with heavy winter snowfall. The trails have been categorized into levels of maintenance needs, starting with the higher used trails receiving more site specific maintenance techniques including clearing, drainage and tread work. Easy access, combined with increasing public demand for trail related recreation continually challenges the District to offer a higher standard trail experience. Most of the trails in these areas are accessed off of major state highways. (06-1828M)

USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	\$50,000	\$98,000	\$148,000
Mt. Baker Trail Maintenance 2007-08			

This proposal is for two years of trail maintenance on 125 miles of hiker and stock trail on the Mt. Baker Ranger District. These trails provide a range of single-day as well as multiple-day trips into the North Cascades backcountry with a combined estimated annual trail use of over 100,000 visitors. The proposed trails are in close proximity to the major metro areas of Bellingham/Vancouver BC and Seattle/Everett.

This project includes trail systems that are accessed by tributary roads off State Routes 20 and 542 corridors. Heavy use of the trail systems occurring over a relatively short snow-free season, combined with a wet climate, fast growing brush and windstorms has resulted in resource and infrastructure damage to the trail system. The work would consist of removal of brush and downed logs, drainage structure repair, and tread repair. Completion of this project would reduce the District's deferred trail maintenance by 40 percent.

Work would be accomplished through a combination of Force Account crews, maintenance contracts, as well as continuing partnerships with a variety of organizations including Washington Trails Association, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Northwest Youth Corp, Backcountry Horsemen, Sierra Club, Mountaineers, and individuals. (06-1806M)

Nooksack Nordic Ski Club	\$15,900	\$15,860	\$31,760
Salmon Ridge Ski Trail Maint. 2006 -2008			

Salmon Ridge Cross-country Ski Area and SnoPark provides the only groomed and tracked ski trails in western Washington north of Stevens Pass. This rapidly growing service area includes over 292,000 people of Whatcom and Skagit counties. The ski area, located on the flank of Mt. Baker, attracts over 5100 visits each winter and provides summer recreation opportunities as well. This 32 mile trail system is taken care of by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club, a nonprofit, volunteer based club with 97 memberships (single and household). This is the club's 14th season as stewards maintaining the Salmon Ridge Ski area for both summer and winter use.

The scope of this project is to provide grooming and maintenance of the 32 miles of ski trails, the SnoPark, and trailhead access points to the Salmon Ridge trail system over the next 2 years. Salmon Ridge is a collaborative project coordinated by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club in conjunction with 8

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organizations: USFS, USFWS, IAC; Resource Advisory Comm., WA State Parks, Whatcom County Parks, DOT, and the Mt. Baker Ski Area. 06-1628M)

NPS Olympic National Park	\$72,000	\$48,500	\$120,500
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High Ridge-Sunrise Nature Trails Rehab

Hurricane Ridge is the busiest destination in Olympic National Park. High Ridge and Sunrise Viewpoint Nature Trails located in the northeast Hurricane Ridge area are a popular summer hike with over 10,000 visitors using them each month. People of all ages and abilities enjoy this walk because of the spectacular views of the Olympic Mountains and Strait of Juan de Fuca. On paved portions of the High Ridge trail, asphalt is breaking down creating tripping hazards. The portions of the trails with natural tread have no defined trail borders so alpine vegetation has been trampled resulting in trail overwidth. Some sections are up to 10 feet wide. Trail drainage problems are causing erosion. Parallel trails and switchback cuts have developed resulting in vegetation and soil loss. Two viewpoints have expanded into large, sprawling areas, one with exposed uneven bedrock.

This project would address the deteriorating pavement, rough tread, on-going erosion, overwidth trails and vegetation trampling in order to bring the trails within standard and enhance visitor safety and resource protection. Tread and drainage work would be accomplished and the trail would be defined to reduce future vegetation loss and soil erosion. Revegetation, utilizing native plants grown in the park greenhouse, would be carried out on the trail perimeters and in switchback cuts. The viewpoints' perimeters would be defined to limit sprawl, and the Sunrise viewpoint area graded and leveled. (06-2016D)

State Parks	\$75,000	\$87,600	\$162,600
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Lake Wenatchee Snow Groomer Machine

This project will add a second snow groomer that will improve and expand cross-country ski trails in and around Lake Wenatchee State Park. Under our expansion plan, the park's trail system will grow to over 50 kilometers. A second machine and a back-up operator will allow us to groom the entire system in one night prior to weekends and holidays. In addition, a second machine will provide a backup when equipment fails (ensuring groomed trails during repairs), more frequent grooming of the most popular trails, rehabilitation of trails during periods of ice or heavy snow and adequate maintenance and repairs. Currently, our sole machine and operator are stretched to the limit, frequently working overtime and incapable of grooming all trails to acceptable conditions during challenging weather.

Lake Wenatchee State Park is a popular winter recreation area with more than 4,545 user days per season but whose potential is unrealized. The existing 25-kilometer trail system is well-suited for beginners or those favoring a relaxed, low-energy experience. There is little to attract the advanced skier, skaters or those seeking greater challenges. On a trial basis during winter 2005-06, the park added 23 kilometers of physically demanding trails and will almost certainly add 8 kilometers at Chiwawa Sno-Park in the 2007-08 winter. Both these trails will bring a quality not available in the region and help create a destination ski area that is certain to fulfill all users, encourage more frequent use and attract new visitors. 06-1702M)

USFS WNF Naches RD	\$16,558	\$13,756	\$30,314
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Naches Nordic/Mtn Bike Trail Maint.

This request is for funding a continuation of trail maintenance on 18 miles of nordic/mountain bike trail on the Naches Ranger District. Clearing, brushing, structure maintenance, signing, grooming, and track setting will be implemented on 18 miles of nonmotorized trail. Maps will be updated to improve visitor safety. The trails are managed primarily for Nordic skiing, family oriented mountain biking, and are also attractive to larger hiking and stock groups because they lie outside of designated Wilderness and do not have a party size limit. The trails provide a backcountry type setting, although they are easily accessible, lying within 3 miles of Highway 12 and adjacent to Highway 410. (06-1707M)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$60,700	\$91,366	\$152,066
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White River RD Trail Maintenance - 2007

This project involves performing annual trail maintenance on 230 miles of multiple use trails on the Snoqualmie/White River Ranger District. The District is located in the steep western slopes of the

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cascade mountains and serves a high population base. This along with the wet climate creates a challenge in maintaining a quality trail system. Forest Service staff and seasonal trail crews will work in conjunction with non profit organizations such as Northwest Youthcorps, Washington Trails Association, The Backcountry Horseman and other volunteer organizations from both the motorized and not motorized community to accomplish annual maintenance on front country and backcountry wilderness trails. This cooperative effort is essential in maintaining a trail system that minimizes resource damage while providing safety for the public.

The benefits are assuring a quality trail system which serves a large population base and provides an enjoyable recreational experience for all users seeking the solitude of the backcountry trails as well as the public desiring the front country day hikes and motorized experience. With limited federal dollars, the N RTP grant funds are a vital element in accomplishing this project. (06-1714M)

Methow Valley Sport Trail Assn	\$63,000	\$93,000	\$156,000
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Methow Community Trail Suspension Bridge

The Methow Valley Sport Trails Association (MVSTA) seeks funding to build a pedestrian (hike, bike) cable stay-suspension bridge, linking two frequently used sections of the Methow Community Trail in Mazama. The bridge would span a 80 foot wide river bed (seasonal overflow channel of the Methow River) making the trail accessible all four seasons of the year for all intended uses.

The trail is currently unusable in the spring when the channel is full of water and large river cobbles. Without the bridge, the riverbed is an unsafe obstacle for walkers and bikers from March through July (varies annually). MVSTA's choice of design is driven by environmental constraints in riparian areas. The cable suspension design is now the only appropriate option to safeguard the riparian ecology and river integrity within state and federal guidelines. Because the trail section is so close to the town of Mazama, MVSTA has selected it as a high priority for trail upgrades, and we believe the rewards will be seen in the Methow Valley for many years to come.

The Methow Valley is a recreation destination for the State of Washington, with over 500,000 visitors a year. Many of these visitors use the Methow Valley Community Trail, which provides an excellent easy-access recreational and educational opportunity for both visitors and residents. 06-1635D)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$64,000	\$57,704	\$121,704
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Alpine Lakes Trail Maint. Crew - 2007

This proposal will fund a 5 person trail maintenance crew for one season to perform seasonal trail maintenance. Work will include clearing, brushing, drainage and tread repair along 125 miles of recreation trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness (ALW) and surrounding backcountry. The crew will be located at the Snoqualmie Ranger District at North Bend, Washington. Trail maintenance will be accomplished on Forest Service trails within the watersheds of the North, Middle and South Forks of the Snoqualmie River, including trails along the I-90 corridor. Thirty-five percent of the trail miles are non-motorized / multiple use. Sixty-five percent are hiker only.

The trail crew will complement and assist volunteers including (but not limited to) those from WTA, VOW, NYC, SCA, Snoqualmie Valley Trails Club, Backcountry Horsemen, Boy Scouts and local school groups. Benefits include fewer safety hazards, reduced erosion and vegetation loss, preservation of trail structures, longer life span for trail facilities, and enhanced public access for outdoor recreation activities. Over 100,00 visitors utilize this trail system each year. 06-1773M)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$41,900	\$36,416	\$78,316
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Backcountry Recreation Site Maintenance

This proposal will fund salaries for 2 crew leaders and stipends for 4 interns (two 3-person crews) to maintain trail-accessed backcountry recreation facilities including campsites, signs, toilets and non-system trails and other backcountry facilities that have fallen into disrepair. Two crews will maintain trail-accessed facilities and user-built trails managed by the Snoqualmie Ranger District within the Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak, and Clearwater Wilderness areas, and surrounding backcountry.

The 300,000 acre district includes over 400 miles of system trails accessing popular destinations including

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100+ alpine lakes where over 100,000 visitors utilize backcountry facilities. Non-system trails (e.g. social trails, user-built trails, boot trails), campsites, pit toilets, fire rings and other primitive facilities are concentrated around popular destinations.

The current Forest Service budget is inadequate to fund maintenance of backcountry recreation site facilities at popular destinations, resulting in deteriorating facility and resource conditions. Our purpose is to maintain, repair and replace these facilities to ensure public safety, sanitation, and visitor satisfaction. Facilities maintenance will protect infrastructure investment and prevent damage to natural resources and water quality. (06-2047M)

Mount Tahoma Trails Assn Snow Vehicles	\$75,000	\$105,000	\$180,000
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This proposal is to keep 40 miles of groomed ski trails linking 4 backcountry ski huts open during the winter season for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. This requires the use of heavy duty utility type snowmobiles and snowcats that pull groomers to keep the trails open during periods of snowfalls. The Mount Tahoma Trails Association is prohibited from charging a fee for use of the trail system by state statute and relies on grants for capital equipment purchases. Groomed trails are critically essential to the maintenance of this trail system. The project scope is to continue to provide a winter recreation to the Puget Sound area, and to keep up with the trail usage growth of 30%. In the event of injuries or emergencies involving public users of the trail, the availability of groomed trails facilitates access by emergency personnel and Search and Rescue (SAR). The system has been in operation for 16 years has shown heavy use each succeeding year with more than 100,000 trail users in the past 16 years. The local Ashford business community supports the MTTA ski trail system along with a dedicated group of volunteers who donate 9,000 volunteer hours each year to keep the trail system operational. The expected benefits are the consistent grooming of trails, the attraction of many skiers and snowshoers to a depressed local economy, and the assurance of a safe trail experience for the 8,000 day users and 2,300 overnights who use the trails each winter season. (06-2063M)

USFS MBNF Darrington RD Darrington Trail Maintenance 2006	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
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This one year maintenance project involves approximately 100 miles of trail on the Darrington Ranger District. These trails provide for overnight and multiple-day trails in the backcountry within close proximity of Seattle and Everett. This project includes trails off the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway and portions of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and some of its access trails. Most of these trails were not damaged by the October 2003 floods or have already been repaired.

Most of these trail begin at low elevations and climb steep slopes. Many are within wilderness or enter wilderness at some point. Maintenance costs are high due to a combination of low elevation, high use, poor soils, wet climate and steep rugged slopes. Winter storm and avalanche damage can sometimes be extensive. Windfall can be numerous and brush fast growing. Volunteers have worked on the lower portions of many of these trails but are unable to reach the upper sections.

Funding is needed to hire maintenance workers to assist volunteers and youth crews in completing needed trail work, especially in the remote locations. In addition, funds will help reduce the maintenance backlog, protect investments in trail repair, and increase user safety.

The Darrington Ranger District has an extensive work history with the Washington Trails Association, the Backcountry Horsemen, Everett Mountaineers, Boeing Alpine Society and Northwest Youth Corps.
(06-1894M)

USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD Wilderness Trail Maintenance 2007	\$40,500	\$34,368	\$74,868
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This project will conduct backlog and yearly trail maintenance activities on 350 miles of Wilderness trails located on the Wenatchee River Ranger District (formerly the Lake Wenatchee and Leavenworth Ranger Districts). Yearly maintenance activity will consist of, at a minimum, trail log out and clearing on all of these trails. In addition some backlog maintenance work, such as brushing and drainage, replacement or repair of water bars, and minor reconstruction of tread surfaces, will be completed on a few select trail

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miles.

Overall, this project will spend an average of \$212 per mile of trail, although the actual amount spent on any given mile will depend on the amount of brushing, drainage, and tread work completed. A combination of contractors, paid youth crews, a force account trail crew, and volunteers will conduct this maintenance work. (06-1629M)

Pacific Northwest Trail Assn	\$20,407	\$27,000	\$47,407
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North Cascades Youth Crew - 2007

The North Cascades Youth Crew is a SKY youth crew program, assisted by volunteers, entering it's 6th year. Sponsered by the Pacific Northwest Traill Association, this project allows us to expand our ability to meet trail maintenance needs on the Mount Baker Ranger District, DNR Lands and the North Cascades National Recreation Area, along these sections of the Pacific Northwest Trail.

Work on this project will be concentrated in two areas, Hi Divide and Damifino Trails, a continuing project on the Mt. Baker RD and the Nooksack River Drainage, between the Middle Fork and South Fork. Work will consist of brushing, logout, minor tread restoration, water control and drainage, turnpike repair and user-made trail obliteration. Trails involved include FS Trail: 602, 603.3, 603, 626, 630, 689 and 697.

We are supported in this endeavor by the Mount Baker/Snoqualmie NF, American Hiking Society, Whatcom Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen, Cascade Job Corps, Sedro-Woolley and Mt. Baker School Districts, Nooksack Indian Tribe and Worksource Development Center. (06-1713M)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$25,824	\$14,308	\$40,132
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Middle Fork Snoqualmie Trail Surfacing

N RTP funds will be used to surface approximately 2000 feet of Middle Fork Trail #1003 with crushed aggregate between M.P. 1 and 6. Compacted gravel surface and turnpike sidepoles will be used to harden the trail tread in areas where clay deposits retain water and turn the existing tread into a quagmire of mud during the rainy seasons. This section the of Middle Fork Trail was constructed in 1995 with NOVA funding assistance. Construction revealed unexpected unstable clay soil deposits. Rainfall and increasing recreation activity continues to damage exposed clay soils on sections of the trail creating mud holes, slumping, and erosion issues. Clay soils are found at various locations and need the extra crushed rock to cap and protect them from erosion to provide a sustainable trail facility.

The additional surfacing will harden the existing tread and protect the trail from future damage. The work will be accomplished by using a small contract for the installation of the aggregate by helicopter. WTA, BBTC, and others will provide volunteer labor to spread and compact gravel, improve drainage facilities, and build turnpike where needed. Force account labor will provide volunteer and contract supervision. The work is expected to be completed by November 15, 2009. (06-1775D)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$46,000	\$67,000	\$113,000
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Wilderness M&O 2007-2008

This project will continue the work of IAC Grant# 04-1063 (2005-2006), which helped us accomplish a substantial amount of work on segments of the Cle Elum District's 157 miles of Alpine Lakes Wilderness trails. We hope to continue making progress in dealing with the trail maintenance backlog, including annual logout, drainage, brushing, structure repair and construction and tread reconstruction.

The highest priorities for work will continue to be high-use trails like Waptus River, Pete Lake, Rachel Lake, Deception Pass, and Pacific Crest Trails. Work will be accomplished by a combination of Forest Service trail crew, wilderness ranger crew, volunteers, youth corps crews, and/or service contract. (06-1637M)

USFS OKNF Methow RD	\$50,000	\$44,000	\$94,000
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Lk Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness Trail Main

Project will provide trail maintenance of approximately 100 miles of trail each year for two years. Maintenance will consist of log out, tread maintenance, drainage structure maintenance, and some

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brushing on multiple-use, non-motorized Wilderness and non-Wilderness trails. The trails are located in the Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness and the Twisp River Drainage. Methow Valley and Tri-Rivers Back Country Horsemen of Washington, and Washington Trails Association will provide volunteer equipment and labor.

Maintenance of these trails are needed after several years of increased use, due to the wildfires and trail closures in the nearby Pasayten Wilderness Area, causing trail users to recreate in this portion of the Methow Valley.

IAC has funded maintenance for these trail for the last from 2001 through 2005. This is a 2 year project.
06-1607M)

Hi Country Snowmobile Club	\$16,000	\$50,000	\$66,000
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Trail Clearing-Stampede & Salmon la Sac

This project is to clear brush along Forest Service Roads in three areas. There are 63 miles of approved roads in the Stampede pass area, 23.4 miles in the Kachess Ridge / Lake Kachess area, and 53 miles of roads in the Salmon La Sac area that are groomed in the winter 2-3 times per week. Three sno-parks serve these areas: French Cabin, Salmon la Sac, and Crystal Springs.

Due to Federal cut backs and policy changes at the federal level the Forest service not longer "brushes" out these roads. These roads are getting very narrow as the Vine Maple and Alder brush are taking over the ditches and growing out over the roads. Our groomers are 13' to 16' wide and are having a tough time grooming the roads with the brush hanging down over the roads. Although we have lots of man power donated thru 3 clubs in these areas we can no longer keep up. Our plan is to lease a "brush hog" or "brush mower" to drive along most of the roads in these areas and cut the brush back. You drive it along very slowly and it cuts the brush down. These machines average about 1 mile per hour. Based on this rate we believe we have aprox 200+hours worth of work for the machine. We need to clear both sides of the roads so my estimated miles would need to be doubled to do both ditches. We have looked into many different alternatives and this seems to be the least expensive. 06-1596M)

State Parks	\$75,000	\$390,368	\$465,368
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Yakima County Trail Grooming

This proposal would allow the State Parks Snowmobile Program to provide approximately 11,200 miles of grooming each year for two years. There is a total of 306 map miles of highly used snowmoible trails in Yakima County which include the Ahtanum, Chinook Pass and White Pass areas.

During the 2005-06 winter season, over 75,000 user days were reported for Yakima County groomed snowmobile trail systems. Due to high trail use, grooming more frequently for rider safety and enjoyment is required.

The Snowmobile Program is solely funded by snowmobile registrations and a percentage of the state's fuel tax (fuel used in snowmobiles). No general fund state dollars support the program. The demand for services expands far beyond available funding. N RTP funds are being requested to meet the increasing demand for grooming of snowmobile trails in Yakima County. 06-1845M)

Cascadians	\$8,750	\$10,000	\$18,750
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Pleasant Valley Trail 999 Bridges

The Pleasant Valley trail 999 presently is not suitable for full use as a cross-country ski and day hike recreational area. This project will replace three destroyed bridges. Four bridges will be renovated by adding new decking to increase their width so a trail-grooming machine can cross in the winter. Three new trail information map stations (3 feet by 5 feet & state furnished maps) will be installed at three locations to provide public information regarding trail usage and other pertinent information. Project will also conduct trail maintenance work such as brush removal and trail renovation.

The Pleasant Valley trail 999 is one of the more popular cross-country and snow shoeing trails in the Naches District. The trail is used by the public on a daily basis during the winter. weather permitting, and is one of the trails funded by the State Parks for grooming by the Naches Ranger District. The Cascadians

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every year provide free cross-country ski lessons for the public on this trail because of its suitable terrain for beginning skiers. There are limited cross-country groomed trails in the Naches District available for public use. To increase public interest in the benefits of cross-country skiing it is imperative that adequate trails be provided and maintained. Additionally, the trail has extensive use by campers in the vicinity for day hikes. The subject trail is located adjacent to highway 410 one hour from Yakima and 2.5 hours from the Tri Cities. Usage is heavy compared to other area trails. (06-1590M)

Backcountry Horsemen of WA	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
2007 BCHW Volunteer Pack Crew Support			

In 2005, the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) provided more than 6,000 hours of volunteer pack service to public agencies and trail maintenance organizations. Skilled, volunteer packers lead a string of stock, hauling supplies and materials into backcountry and wilderness areas. Without these volunteers and their stock, materials would have to be packed in by humans (backbreaking) or by professional pack outfitters (expensive). The Washington Trails Association, Pacific Northwest Trail and Pacific Crest Trail Associations, as well as Northwest Youth Corps and various USFS Ranger Districts have all used BCHW members to pack cargo in to work sites. The dedicated members of the BCHW have been working cooperatively with these organizations for years.

The number of skilled packers is dwindling. Transportation and other stock support costs keep rising. This grant will provide funds to cover transportation and food for both the packers and their stock while volunteering in the backcountry (for at least 200 miles of trail). The grant will also help support the front-country volunteers who coordinate agency requests with available packers. It also helps cover the cost of clinics where experienced packers train other BCHW members in the art of packing, thereby ensuring a steady crop of volunteer packers for future projects statewide. BCHW has been careful to only claim a portion of their annual volunteer time in order to ensure double counting of volunteer hours does not occur. (06-1585M)

Loup Loup Ski Education	\$20,000	\$16,720	\$36,720
Loup Loup Trail Maintenance			

The Loup Loup Ski Education Foundation (LLSEF) requests \$20,000 to be used for acquisition of equipment (snowmobile, trailer, grooming attachments) to upgrade maintenance and grooming on the Nordic Trail system at the Loup Loup Summit (South Summit and North Summit - Ski Bowl). The grant will be matched by the LLSEF through a combination of cash (\$11,120 Maintenance Grant) and \$6,100 of donated labor and materials (summer trail maintenance; sign materials, construction and maintenance; equipment maintenance, equipment donations). (06-1588M)

Mountain Trails Grooming Assn	\$36,774	\$33,929	\$70,703
Groomer Hauling Truck			

Mountain Trails Grooming Association is a non-profit volunteer group sponsored by the Okanogan County Commissioners, Okanogan County Snowmobile Advisory Board, and under contract with Washington State Parks to groom 175 miles of mountainous multi-use winter trails. This proposal is to fund the purchase of a groomer hauling truck to transport our 7.5 ton trail groomer and equipment to the seven different snoparks that access the Methow Valley trail system. The snoparks have an elevation range of 1500 feet to 5000 feet with access to over 30,700 acres of USFS land and one of the most spectacular winter recreation areas in the State of Washington. Over 500,000 people yearly visit the Methow Valley to experience our unique recreational valley. Our trails are popular for both visitors and locals and provide access to breathtaking views that are accessible to people of all ages and physical ability. (06-1594M)

State Parks	\$36,415	\$12,235	\$48,650
Easton Reload Sno-Park Phase I			

This project will develop a critically needed parking area at the Easton Reload Sno-Park, in the most highly used winter recreation area of the state, the I-90 Corridor. Two major groomed snowmobile trail systems, Stampede Pass and Taneum Manastash, can be accessed from this site. There are very few opportunities to develop parking for winter recreationists in the area. Nearby Crystal Springs Sno-Park, the largest Sno-Park in the State, is at maximum capacity and turns people away. The Easton Reload Sno-Park currently accommodates 10 vehicles with trailers. This project will increase that capacity to 60 vehicles with trailers, providing users with another option to park and access the same groomed trail

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systems that are available from Crystal Springs.

The project includes brush clearing, grading and laying a gravel surface at an existing area of approximately one and half acres. It is considered Phase 1, since an additional 6.5 acres could be developed in the future. Volunteers will assist in clearing and grading for the parking area. Phase I development will also include the installation of entrance and exit gates. 06-1955D)

EarthCorps	\$39,494	\$22,840	\$62,334
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2007-08 Backcountry Trail Maintenance

This two-year proposal working with the USDA Forest Service - Skykomish Ranger District in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will provide over 3,000 hours of critical trail maintenance in the Henry M. Jackson Wilderness Area. Due to the remote location of the trail it is very difficult for Forest Service trail crews to conduct annual maintenance, therefore the need is significant. At a cost of approximately \$13 per hour, EarthCorps will field a 7-person youth crew (five trainees ages 18-25 with one crew leader and a professional project manager) to conduct basic trail maintenance on a 8-mile section of trail between Forest Service Road 6530 and the Pacific Crest Trails. In addition EarthCorps crews will focus on the trail between Fortune Pass and the Pacific Crest Trail, along Pear Lake, to conduct tread (root and rock removal) and drainage maintenance (cleaning culverts, dips, waterbars, and ditches) as well as brushing and the closing of parallel trails.

This proposal request not only includes crews in the field, tools, food and equipment, but also crew member recruitment, transportation, training, administration and onsite supervision. In addition, support for the proposal will clearly reduce maintenance backlog in the region, increase user safety, and protect the natural resource from further degradation. 06-1688M)

Kittitas Co Parks & Rec Dist#1	\$70,420	\$37,580	\$108,000
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Evergreen Park Trailhead--Phase I

Preliminary design, site preparation, and basic construction for a four-season, multiuse trailhead/park on developer donated acreage. Phase 1 is intended to make the trailhead useable by the public in one construction season, but not at final capacity or infrastructure. This is the first project of the new Kittitas County Park & Recreation District No. 1, and the first in cooperation with a real estate developer under Kittitas County's new performance-based density bonus subdivision ordinance. The five acre site borders a Forest Service road, and will provide parking, sanitary facilities, and access to public lands south of the Yakima River near Cle Elum. The trailhead will be designed for use by hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, snowshoers, and snowmobilers. 06-1898D)

USFS OKNF Methow RD	\$65,290	\$69,700	\$134,990
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Spanish Camp Trails

This project is the result of the Pasayten Review planning by the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests staff. Historic cattle and sheep grazing along with outfitted and non-guided recreationists have caused environmental concerns. User created trails include portions of system trail along with sections of trail not picked up on our system trails. The goal of the plan is to reduce trail density in a high visitor use area of the Pasayten Wilderness Area to protect fragile plant communities and provide improved location and designed trails.

The project consists of relocation and construction of approximately one mile of trail and decommissioning 2 miles to be accomplished by contract. Northwest Youth Corps and Forest Service crews will repair turnpikes, construct turnpikes through mudholes and elevated tread sections through wet sedge meadows, replace a minor 15 foot bridge, and relocate approximately 300 feet of trail through talus slope and heavy maintenance of drainage structures on approximately 6 miles of trail. All these trails are located near very popular and high visitor use Rimmel and Cathedral Lakes area of the Pasayten Wilderness.

IAC has funded a Wilderness Ranger for four years to patrol this area with volunteers to help keep camping impacts impacts to a minimum.

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Project location sites are between 16 and 20 miles from the nearest trailhead. This is a two year project.
(06-1608M)

USFS WNF Entiat RD	\$54,052	\$29,800	\$83,852
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Entiat's Wild. & Non Motorized Trail M&O

This two-year ongoing maintenance and operation proposal will complete routine yearly maintenance activities along 54 miles of non-wilderness non-motorized trails (North Fork/Pyramid Mountain areas), and 55 miles of wilderness trails (Entiat Meadows, Larch Lakes, & Ice Lake area) located on the Entiat Ranger District.

This project proposal would again provide for the yearly; trail log-out and clearing, spot brushing, drainage maintenance, spot tread maintenance as needed, maintenance of foot bridges and puncheon, and maintenance of existing signage. Work will be completed by utilizing both trail log-out contracts, and Forest Service trails crew personnel & equipment. Local volunteers from the Entiat Trails and Saddle Club, and Wenatchee chapter of BCH have pledged to provide labor in support of our yearly maintenance program. The non-wilderness non-motorized trails within this grant proposal are open to hikers, pack and saddle stock, and mountain bikes. (06-1699M)

USFS CNF Newport RD	\$50,000	\$19,500	\$69,500
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Salmo Basin Trail Reconstruction

The goal of this project is to reduce long term maintenance needs and to prevent future resource damage by replacing 400 feet of puncheon with 150 feet of new turnpike and construction of 1 mile of trail relocation. This project will only address the highest priority sections this year. This will likely be a two phase project. This effort will be done in partnership with the Northwest Youth Corps program and with volunteer packing and labor from Backcountry Horsemen. This project will be implemented over 6-7 weeks of intensive work and camping overnight in the field for a week at a time. Backcountry Horsemen will pack in all puncheon and supplies for the work camp. All work will be done by hand with no mechanized assistance. The SalmoBasin Trail #506 is the primary access to the Salmo River. It is the second highest used trail in Pend Oreille County with an annual visitation of 7,000 people reported by the National Visitor Use Monitoring Report (Colville 2004). This trail was built in the 1910's and had a large amount of puncheon built in the early 80's. This project is located entirely within the Salmo-Priest Wilderness Area.

Through this project the trail will be improved to reduce resource damage and add a higher quality of an experience for its users. Located in the Selkirk Mountain Range, the Salmo-Priest Wilderness provides habitat for the Woodland Caribou, Grizzly Bear and Grey Wolf. Its deep valleys abound with towering old growth Cedars and Hemlock. (06-1662D)

USFS CNF Newport RD	\$47,000	\$12,750	\$59,750
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Bead Lake Trail Rehabilitation

The purpose of this project is to reduce long term maintenance needs and prevent future resource damage by replacing 2 bridges and creating hardened stream crossings where appropriate at various locations. 13 bridges have been identified as "failing" as well as 2 puncheon and 2 turnpike that are in need of repair/replacement. The recreation experience will not be impacted as the water level is not sufficient to make the crossings challenging or dangerous. The bridges can be replaced either by minor relocation (no longer crossing the creek), or by a combination of constructed rock fords and hardened approaches. Many of the structures have failed, or are in the process of failure (rotting). The most urgently in need of fixing, with the aim of reopening the trail to public use in 2007, are the three bridges located at Mile Post (MP) 4.66, MP 4.714 and MP 4.78. Costs are designed around using volunteer labor and Northwest Youth Corps, or the SKY Program Youth which is part of the Pacific Northwest Trail Assn. The project requires approximately 1580 ft. of trail relocation, construction of 235 linear feet of rock fords and hardened stream approaches, dismantling and scattering 222 linear feet of existing structures as well as clean-up. This trail system has an annual use of 4500 visits, including horses, mountain bikers and hikers. This trail is within 9 miles of Newport and 45 minutes from Spokane. Trailhead improvements will be done with this project by adding hitching posts and putting gravel in the parking area. (06-1661D)

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Project Sponsor	IAC Share	Sponsor Share	Total Cost
Dept of Natural Resources	\$74,800	\$20,000	\$94,800

NW Region Trail Maintenance Equipment

This funding request is for the purchase of equipment to maintain over 36 miles of motorized trails, over 80 miles of non-motorized trails, 5 trailheads, and 4 campgrounds with day use areas located on state lands in Skagit, Whatcom, Island, and San Juan Counties. The places the equipment will be used include the DNR's Blanchard, Les Hilde, and Walker Valley Trail Systems, as well as Bald Mountain, Walt Bailey, and the Ashland, Greider and Boulder Lakes.

The equipment purchase will replace the current need to continually rent items that are essential to an efficient maintenance and operations program. This equipment is especially vital for work on remote motorized trails where it is often necessary to move large amounts of gravel and other heavy material quickly and effectively. Currently, there is a back-log of trail and trailhead maintenance work in the DNR's Northwest Region, and the purchase of this equipment will make an incredible difference in our ability to keep pace with the need to maintain trails and trailheads for user safety and enjoyment.

For the maintenance of trails on state lands, DNR partners with volunteer organizations including Back Country Horsemen (Skagit and Whatcom County Chapters), Skagit Motorcycle Club, Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association and other club affiliates, Pacific Northwest Quad Association, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, and Boy Scouts of America. (06-1981M)

USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	\$46,000	\$13,280	\$59,280
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Salmon Ridge Cross-Country Ski Bridge

The goal of this project is to create a cross-country ski loop trail by linking up two existing nordic ski trails by constructing a trail bridge over the uncrossable Razor Hone creek, linking up the two ski trails. The two ski trails are a part of the Salmon Ridge Cross-Country Ski Area, a designated Washington State non-motorized Sno-Park. The installation of the bridge would create a ski loop trail that would facilitate recreational skier and snowshoer use opportunities which would assist in meeting public demand for winter recreation opportunities on the Mt. Baker Ranger District. Whatcom and Skagit Counties are currently underserved in those activities.

Salmon Ridge provides the only tracked and groomed ski trail north of Stevens Pass. The existing trail receives approximately 4500 skier/snowshoer visitors annually. The proposed bridge would be a six foot wide by fifty foot long steel I-beam bridge with a wood deck and hand rails. This bridge would be constructed on site through a public works construction contract.

A NOVA planning grant for Salmon Ridge Cross-Country Ski Area was awarded in 2002. This grant funded the completion of two years spotted owl and murrelet bird surveys, cultural resource surveys, botanical surveys and site planning, all of which are necessary for before ski trail improvements can be implemented. (06-1863D)

Backcountry Horsemen of WA	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
2007 BCHW Volunteer Trail Maintenance			

Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) has 37 chapters throughout Washington State, with a total of more than 3,000 members. BCHW work with public land managers and other volunteer groups to reduce the backlog of trail maintenance. Many Chapters have trails they clean and maintain on a yearly basis.

Our 3000 plus members are enthusiastic and enjoy working with other volunteer groups. We are strongly dedicated to the community, other users groups, land managers and are a valuable asset to Washington's recreational trails. This grant will help BCHW carry on a long-standing tradition of providing a valuable service to Washington State communities, land managers and other non-profits by providing funds to help publish the Trailhead News (THN).

The Trailhead News, published 11 times per year, serves as the primary form of communication with BCHW members. BCHW advertises upcoming trail maintenance volunteer opportunities through THN. It requires substantial resources to produce THN; the cost estimate for this grant is prorated to cover only that percent of the THN devoted to articles on trail maintenance. The sponsor match includes 4,500 hours

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of labor donated toward maintenance of 700 miles of nonmotorized multiple use trail. These hours will not be counted toward match for any other grant. 06-1572M)

USFS OKNF Tonasket RD	\$70,444	\$22,592	\$93,036
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West District Trail Maintenance

In the last 15 years, trails on the west side of the District have been damaged by wildfire. Especially hard hit are those at 20 and 30 Mile Meadows and on Tiffany Mountain. Damage ranges from soil erosion and slides to large numbers of dead trees (snags) that are down or poised to fall over the trails. In addition, spruce and pine trees are dead/dying due to insect outbreaks. These snags pose a safety hazard to trail users as well as an ongoing maintenance nightmare. We propose to cut the dead trees out before they fall, and to repair the sections of trail affected by rock slides and erosion. Our objectives are:

To rehabilitate approximately 20 miles of trail damaged by fire by 2008

To reduce potential for snags falling across approximately 150 miles of trail by 80% by 2008

The trails are popular for horseback riding, hiking and snowmobiling, and offer recreational opportunities throughout the year. Trails have been maintained by the users, and the Backcountry Horsemen have logged many hours clearing downfall and improving tread. However, the current damage can't be repaired by a couple of spring work parties. There are thousands of burned snags along all the trails, hundreds of which are falling each year. By removing them before they fall, we reduce potential hazards and our need to continually react to a maintenance crisis every time there is a strong wind. Along with trail user groups, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association will be working with us through their SKY youth corps. 06-1591M)

Mountaineers	\$23,000	\$17,000	\$40,000
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F.S. RD 420 Groomer

This proposal is designed to replace a 1987 snowmobile and its related track setting equipment. The replacement of this equipment will greatly enhance the outdoor experience of the cross country skiers who use this area by giving them a state of the art track that will be provided on a consistent basis with the newer equipment.

The cost estimate summary lists a number of items for equipment use that relates to this project but will not be used during the winter. All of them will be used to prepare the trails during the summer for winter use. The trails around the lodge are not wide enough for the new groomer and therefore will need to be widened. Trees will have to be cut, trails leveled and in some cases bulkheads built to hold the trail on the side hills. We do not burn the debris - hence the use of the chipper. All other wood is used for heat at the lodge. All work is being done by volunteer labor. (06-1956M)

Spokane Winter Knights	\$25,950	\$7,110	\$33,060
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Kings Lake Sno-Park Groomer Shelter

This project will fund the construction of a 30' by 30' by 14' high metal storage building that will house two snow groomers at the Kings Lake Sno-Park. Kings Lake Sno-Park provides access to 132 miles of designated, groomed snowmobile trails with an average use of 4500 snowmobiles per year. Currently, the groomers are stored and maintained outside during the winter season which makes routine inspections, maintenance and repairs very difficult. Transportation costs would also be reduced which would allow grooming frequencies to increase on the trail system. The present storage area is located on private property which recently sold. Constructing this building would provide a secure facility to house the groomers as well as allowing the groomer operator to perform needed maintenance indoors. (06-1988D)

USFS Colville National Forest	\$48,650	\$15,000	\$63,650
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Muddy Creek OHV Trailhead

This project will fund the development of a snowmobile trailhead at the north end of Pend Oreille County. The trailhead would provide a parking area for up to 10 vehicles and trailers. The size of the parking area is designed to cover a 70 feet by 220 feet area. Also included in this project is the installation of a CXT vault toilet that would provide for users health and safety. Another aspect of this project would be the installation of a two-panel information board where maps and other pertinent information would be displayed.

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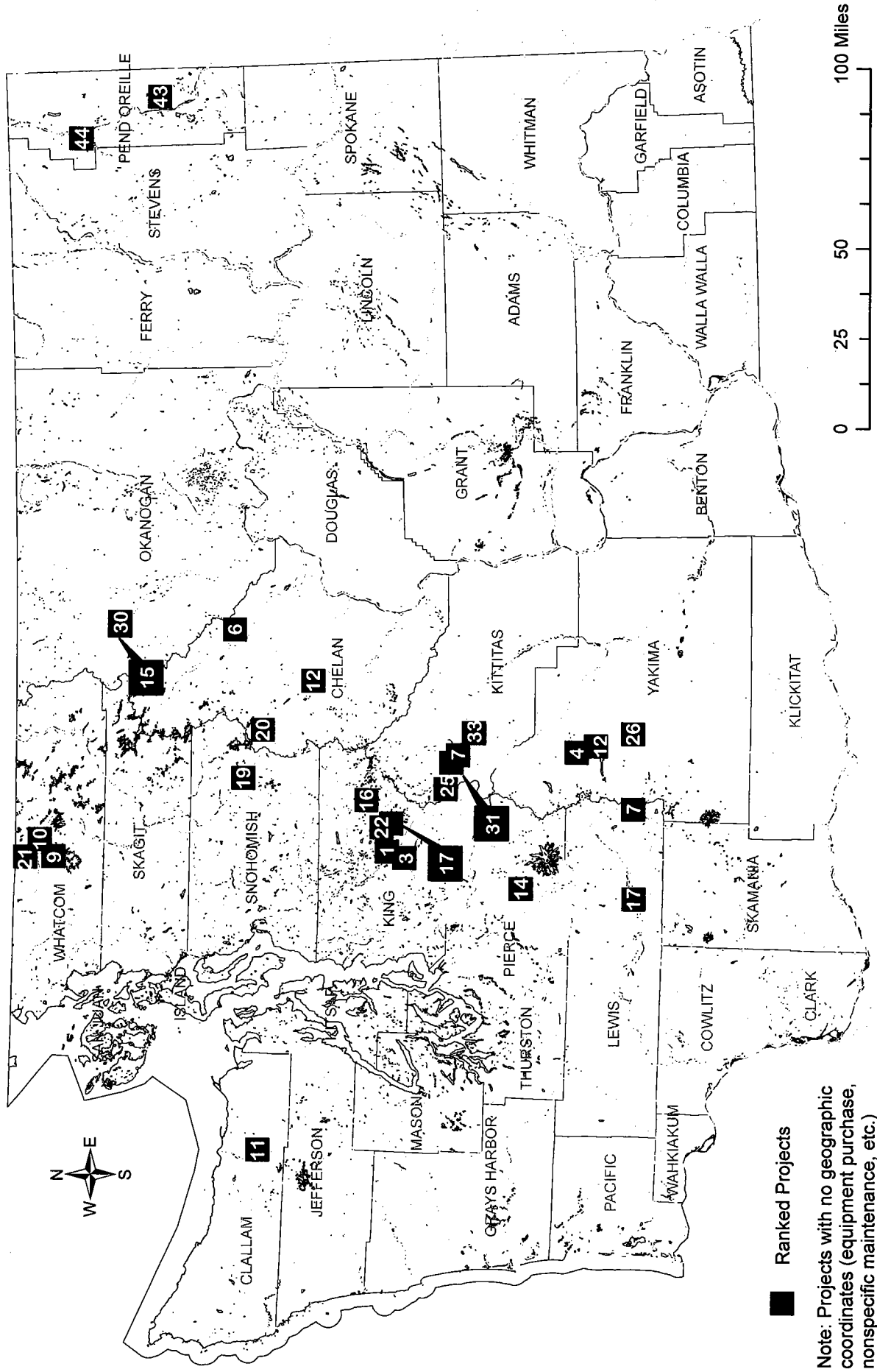
Total Cost

The Forest Service would like to establish this trailhead in order to provide a safe parking area that is located off the county road system. At the present time, snowmobilers must park their vehicles and trailers on a wide spot on the county road to access the groomed trail system. In the future, this trailhead could provide opportunities for all OHV enthusiasts as the Colville National Forest is presently working on a travel management plan in conjunction with the revision of its Forest Plan. In the future this site could be added to the Washington State Sno-Park system as it provides access to a designated groomed trail system. (06-2036D)



National Recreational Trails Program - State Fiscal Year 2007 Projects Recommended for Funding General Recreation Projects

Attachment 2b





National Recreational Trails Program - State Fiscal Year 2007 Projects Recommended for Funding Education Projects

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